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Learning to respect the environment is no small task, especially if you want to celebrate Earth Day every day of the week! Luckily, Nancy is on hand to make sure Mom, Dad, and her little sister do their part in being green—even if she has to keep reminding them. Nancy knows that she's helping her family do something very important, but will she take her enthusiasm for the environment a step too far?

A sweet story about learning to respect both the Earth and your family, this I Can Read includes a glossary of Fancy Nancy's Fancy Words in the back.

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Karen says

Another good book from my daughter's favorite series. This came out right around when my daughters were being taught about Earth Day so it was a great tie in to their school lessons. I particularly liked how it gave tips on being environmental as well as showed that compromise is in order at times as well. My daughters also liked seeing many things that we already do in the book as it helped them feel they are already helping the Earth.

Kelly says

Most of my female students already love Fancy Nancy, and Fancy Nancy: Every Day Is Earth Day will be no exception. Like the other books in this series, this book will expand vocabulary while teaching a lesson. The lesson in this book centers around how to be "green," or celebrate Earth Day every day. Nancy goes a little too far sometimes, but she presents readers with helpful, easy tips on how to be a better friend to the planet.

An excellent addition to Earth Day activities!

Hope L. Justice says

I do not see how this is a level 1 reader, but the story is good. How annoying it can be when you are bossy about being green!

Jo says

I love Fancy Nancy so I was really excited to see this at the library. She's such an adorable and fun character. In this Earth Day story, Nancy and her classmates learn what it means to be green and some of the ways they can make every day earth day. At home, Nancy is shocked to learn just how greener her family could be and sets out to fix that.

I LOVE the illustrations of Nancy's teacher with her purple high-lighted hair, glasses and leafy earrings and necklace. I wish my teachers had been that hip when I was a kid. :)

The green rhymes were fun too! My favourite was when Nancy caught her father about to drive to the grocery store:

*"Dad," I say,
"the green rule is:
Less than a mile?
Then bike in style."*

A cute green read! I also love the ending when they're eating by candle light. Being green can also be fancy!

There's a glossary at the back: Fancy Nancy's Fancy Words and a summary of what Nancy learned about being green.

Melissa Namba says

Nancy gets called out for being bossy and nagging people.

Courtney says

My children love these little books. They thoroughly enjoy each and every story, as if they are all unique and individual without any cause for similarity among them. Even though sometimes, they might seem tedious and repetitive to me as a parent, I do enjoy being able to read short-stories to my children that are clean and respectful.

Daniel says

I'm not too keen on thrusting environmentalist slogans on very young readers, particularly as the subject matter could be presented in a less strident tone, but all in all I would consider Fancy Nancy: Every Day is Earth Day to be a very good book for beginning readers. As usual, Fancy Nancy does a good job of teaching kids the meaning of several new words, and the charming color illustrations of Aleksey and Olga Ivanov are very effective at drawing kids into the story.

I guess you can interpret this book in one of two ways. On the one hand, it is rather preachy about going green and "saving" the Earth, but - on the other hand - it also shows what can happen when you cross the fine line between responsibility and annoying bossiness in pursuit of a cause. Fancy Nancy tends to go a little overboard on new things, and that is definitely the case here. Having just learned about Earth Day and the importance of caring for the planet, she takes it upon herself to make every day Earth Day, and her well-intentioned actions at home end up causing a few problems within her household. She learns the hard way not to be so bossy and overzealous, and I think it is this lesson (on the importance of respecting the rights and wishes of the other members of her family), that proves to be the most valuable message this cute little book communicates to its target audience of emerging readers. This is definitely not my favorite Fancy Nancy book, though.

Alexandra Topitzes says

Reading Level: 2.1

Book Level/ Guided Reading Level: J

Fancy Nancy : Every Day is Earth Day is a Contemporary Realistic Fiction book in which Nancy, a

releatable young girl protagonist, goes a little overboard in convincing her family to switch over to a “green” lifestyle after learning about the environment at school. By the end of the story, however, she finds the prefect balance of incorporating green habits into her family’s home life.

This book would understandably be an ideal read aloud for primary elementary grades on Earth Day or during a science unit on the environment. This novel would also be a good mentor text to demonstrate the writing traits of conventions, voice (I particularly like how Nancy takes breaks in her narration to explain the “fancy” words she uses) and word choice, for students during writing workshop mini lessons. It could also serve as an example for students on creating dialogue and the conventions that accompany it as a writing lesson.

Beth says

Fancy Nancy picture books are favorites of my first and second grade students. I was excited by the addition of "I can read!" books. This Fancy Nancy doesn't disappoint readers as Nancy comes home from school on Earth Day with lessons for her family. But in her efforts to be green she bumbles several attempts that cause her family some problems. Good read for my little girls.

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Carolyn Jeziorski says

I shared this for Earth Day read aloud. The list of catchy rules was useful.

Gabrial Olson says

Nancy learns about Earth Day and how to become more environmentally cautious. She takes what she learns in school and brings it into her home. However she goes a little overboard. She learns that she can still be environmentally safe but doesn't have to take it to the extremes.

I think this would be a good book for first graders. The font is big and throughout the book she teaches us new vocabulary words.

I would implement this book when we are learning about Earth Day to teach children some ways to help become more environmentally friendly.

Connor, Jane, A. Ivanov, and O. Ivanov. Fancy Nancy, every day is Earth Day. New York: Harper, 2010. Print.

J-Lynn says

The easy reader versions of the Fancy Nancy series seem to be more interesting to me than the original picture books. This installment focuses on Fancy Nancy learning about conservation during Earth Day and she tries to implement changes at her house. But, they don't all go over very well and Nancy learns about compromise. There are good ideas for young readers to become more green and it is emphasized that we should be green everyday, not just on Earth Day.

As always, the book introduces good vocabulary and then defines the words in parenthesis, all in the narrator's voice. These "fancy" words and how much Nancy enjoys them models a strong love of learning.

The pictures are detailed, not only showing the very fancy main character, but her somewhat plain family as well.

A word of caution, the publishers have labeled this book for beginning readers at a level 1, but it is way too advanced for it's targeted audience, unless using it as a read aloud.

Kaley Robinson says

This book is about a little girl Nancy who is trying to be more green. She reminds her family to shut off lights and not waste water. She does not like the color green, but wants to save the planet. This book was funny, and was easy to keep reading. The illustrations were the perfect fit for the story.

Purposes in the classroom:

Read aloud: This book did a great job of teaching new vocabulary. I would use this book in a reading group since there are newer words that might be advanced for some students. This book would also work great in a science lesson. This book would be for kindergarten or first grade readers. There a decent amount of words per page, so help would be required. A good thing about this book is that students would be able to identify things they could do to help save the planet.

Literary elements: This would be a good book to use with conflict. Even though Nancy is trying to green, she often gets into tricky situations. She has to learn to be less bossy, and let the family do what they think is best. This might help students relate to themselves. Students could also guess what might happen when Nancy decides to turn off lights, or lose her mom's printed paper.

Tami says

I was about to say 10 stars. because it has the number of pages that our apartment has. zero emojis. hope. ?well Earth day is my dad's birthday.

Mrs. Gabrielle Zastrow's says

By: Joseph and Quintin

We didn't care for this book as much because it didn't have enough details and it was too easy of a read. Anyway, the characters in this story were JoJo, Nancy, mom, dad, and the grocer. The story took place at Nancy's school, her house, and the store. The problem in the book was that no one was being "green" which means people were leaving the water run while brushing their teeth, leaving lights on wasting electricity, and taking the car when they should actually just take a bike or walk to a close by store. The solution was that everyone starting being "green" because Nancy taught them that they were hurting the Earth. The central message was that you shouldn't litter and be more "green" everyday!

Words we learned:

discuss= to talk seriously

irritated= to be mad

tote= a shopping bag

flexible= the opposite of being stubborn

adore= to really love something
